



TOWN OF ADAMS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2016 – 7:00 PM
ADAMS TOWN HALL, 1st FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

On the above date the Board of Selectmen and held a meeting at the Adams Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Jeffrey Snoonian presided the meeting. Present were Vice Chairman, Arthur Harrington, Members Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard, and John Duval. Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco was absent. Also in attendance was Town Counsel, Ed St. John III.

The Select Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF MINUTES

- April 20, 2016
- April 27, 2016

Motion made by Member Blanchard to waive reading the minutes from April 20, 2016 and April 27, 2016 and to approve them as written

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roundabout Paving

Chief Tarsa, Adams Police Department advised that Thursday night there will be paving in the Roundabout starting at 7:00 p.m. ending at 5:00 a.m. Friday morning. Line painting was discussed.

Forensics Class

Chief Tarsa, Adams Police Department informed the Board of the conclusion of the APD Forensics Class and the “mock trial” scheduled. Board Members were invited. Officer Greg Onorato and Colby Clark were lead officers in this project but numerous officers made significant efforts to create a successful program.

Summer Safety for Students

Chief Tarsa, Adams Police Department reported that he and State Police Trooper Canata did a Summer Safety program for local students which received a positive response and covered numerous topics.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Request – Town Common, Pedal and Plod

Myra Wilk requested use of Town Common July 24th 6am to Noon for the Pedal and Plod race. Insurance is in place and will be provided to the Town. Another half marathon will be put on by the Berkshire Running Center in Adams on October 9th on the Bike Trail.

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Motion made by Member Duval to approve the Pedal and Plod use of the Town Common on July 24th from 6:00 a.m. to Noon

Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Facility Use Request – Visitors Center, American Red Cross

The American Red Cross requested use of the 20 East Street Community Center on July 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Blood Drive. The request for the Visitors Center was in error.

Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the use of the Community Center on July 2, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the American Red Cross Blood Drive

Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Facility Use Request – Visitors Center, Bike Safety Event

Facility Use Request – C.T. Plunkett Wacky World, Adams Police Association

Chief Tarsa advised that the Adams Police Department will combine both events at the C.T. Plunkett Wacky World for a Field Day on Saturday June 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Officer Wandrei is in charge of the Bike Safety Event, with Scott and Linda Cernik.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to approve both requests on June 18, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at C.T. Plunkett Wacky World with the condition that a rain date would need additional approval

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

Member Duval will attend the BRPC meeting tomorrow and report at a future meeting. Training for Planning and Zoning Boards will be held on July 30th at the BRPC Offices. A Strategic Plan initiative is looking for a seven to eleven member working group.

Board of Health

Vice Chairman Harrington attended the Board of Health meeting today as a liaison and their agenda had twenty four cases on it. Berkshire Health Alliance has received money to roll out new online inspection process for restaurants and food vendors. At least one member will be going to the training this summer. This program is standardized by the FDA. Grant money pays for equipment and training for 5 years. The Board of Health is looking into joining the tri-county group changing underage tobacco use to age 21. Un-mowed lawns and unkempt properties were reviewed. Vice Chairman Harrington also attended a workshop and presentation of the Youth Substance Abuse put on by the Bridge Program, and gave an overview of the free event funded by the state.



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Licensing Sub-Committee

Vice Chairman Harrington advised that the Licensing Sub-Committee met on an urgent basis regarding information that a liquor pouring establishment was going to be revoked by another agency. Facts were discussed and the conclusion was that only the Board of Selectmen as Licensing Authority for Town of Adams could revoke the liquor license. The issue was resolved before the weekend and all worked out.

Municipal Licensing Corporation Annual Meeting

Vice Chairman Harrington and *Administrative Assistant Dunlap* will be going to a meeting June 7th regarding *Used Car Dealers, Class II Licenses*, and an ABCC presentation and update on eLicensing for liquor licenses. Farmer brewers, wineries and distilleries will be covered and there is some interest in Adams. Topics to also be covered are renewal affidavits, the investigator application process, latest cases and decisions.

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Training

Vice Chairman Harrington announced that on June 14th he and **Member Blanchard**, with *Administrative Assistant Dunlap* will attend a workshop with ABCC on eLicensing in North Adams.

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

Chairman Snoonian reviewed information from the BRTA last meeting and noted there is a new kiosk in front of old Masons Lodge.

School Committee

Chairman Snoonian and Member Nowak announced that at the School Committee meeting two candidates were interviewed for the Interim Superintendent position and a decision was made. Dr. Robert Putnam of Central Berkshire School District was the hired.

Conservation Commission

Member Nowak reviewed the Conservation Commission meeting regarding a new home being built on Spring Road with an egress on Wenzel Terrace. Wetland considerations are being taken care of by the Commission with a site visit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Mazzucco was absent.

Town Counsel Report

Town Counsel St. John III gave a brief report regarding items he handled since his last report. They included continued research and investigation into a litigation matter, research and advice concerning auctioning of surplus of abandoned items, and research on a matter before the Zoning Board of Appeals.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Time Warner Cable Changes

Chairman Snoonian announced that Time Warner Cable is being acquired by Charter Communications. *Spectrum* is the name of the Cable business.

Memorial Day Parade

Vice Chairman Harrington commended those who attended and participated in the Memorial Day parade. He thanked Chief Tarsa for having crosswalk warnings on Summer Street and praised Member Nowak for his very thorough speech on the wars from this country.

Murray Street Bridge

Member Duval followed up about what action has taken place regarding the Murray Street Bridge.

Town Meeting Member Workshop

Town Administrator Mazzucco announced that all town meeting documents are online. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center and Town Meeting Members and the public are invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Member Blanchard


Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

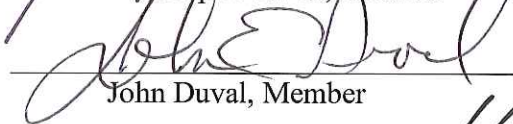
Unanimous Vote

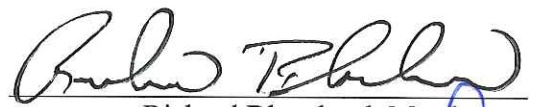
Motion passed

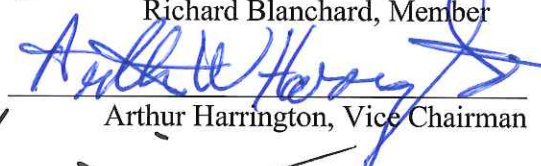
The Board of Selectmen Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

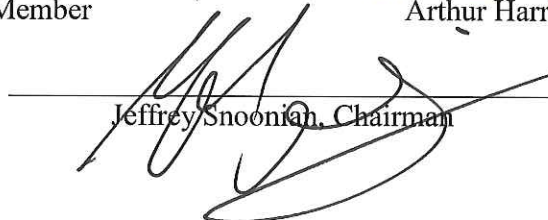
Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary


Joseph Nowak, Member


John Duval, Member


Richard Blanchard, Member


Arthur Harrington, Vice Chairman


Jeffrey Snoonian, Chairman